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Applicant : Nobuo Ogasawara
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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT

Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 6, please add the following header and paragraph:

A1 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of application No. 09/400,124, filed September 21, 1999, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant has added the section of the specification entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" to claim priority of the parent application Ser. No. 09/400,124. In view of the above amendment Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and a timely indication of allowance.